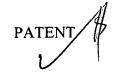


My



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

10/751,396

Confirmation No.: 2646

Applicant

Louis Nervegna et al.

Filed

January 5, 2004

T.C./A.U.

2121

Examiner

Not Yet Assigned

Docket No.

MIT-046CUS

Customer No.:

022494

## Certificate of Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: MS Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below:

Date of Signature and Mail Deposit

Paul D. Durkee Reg. No. 41,003

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

04/28/2004 BSAYASI1 00000071 10751396

01 FC:2202

72.00 OP

**TRANSMITTAL** 

**FORM** 

PTO/SB/21 (modified) (02-04)

10/751,396

January 5, 2004

Louis Nervegna

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**Application Number** 

First Named Inventor

Filing Date

(to be used for all correspondence after initial for	filing)	Art Unit	2121								
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned								
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	9	Attorney Docket Number	MIT-046CUS								
ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)											
Fee Transmittal Form  Fee Attached  Preliminary Amendment  After Final  Affidavits/dectaration(s)  Extension of Time Request  Express Abandonment Request  Information Disclosure Statement  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application  Response to Missing Parts		Assignment Papers for an Application) Prawing(s) icensing-related Papers Petition etition to Convert to a rovisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Addre erminal Disclaimer Request for Refund CD, Number of CD(s)	After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC) Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Proprietary Information Status Letter Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify below): Return Postcard								
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	provided charge d	l, such petition is hereby made deposit account No. 50-0845 f	time is required by this paper and not otherwise e and authorization is provided herewith to for the cost of such extension.								
		F APPLICANT, ATTORNE									
Firm or Individual name Daly, Crowley & Date Date		Reg. No. 41,0	003								
CE	ERTIFIC	ATE OF TRANSMISSION	MAILING								
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile t envelope addressed to: MS Non-Fee Amendment, Commis			ates Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an 3-1450 on the date shown below.								
Typed or printed name	אַם (שׁ	rkee									
Signature #	X Ch	Mukee	Date QG Apv VY								
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR	1.5. The in	formation is required to obtain or retain	n a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to								

process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: MS Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO/SB/17 (10-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE der the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

Signature

72 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)

Complete if Known						
Application Number	10/751,396					
Filing Date	January 5, 2004					
First Named Inventor	Louis Nervegna					
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned					
Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned					
Attorney Docket No.	MIT-046CUS					

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)				FEE CALCULATION (continued)						
Check Credit card Money Other None				3. ADDITIONAL FEES						
Deposit Account:			Large Entity   Small Entity							
Deposit	50-0845			Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Des	cription	Fee Paid
Account Number	Daly, Crowley & Mofford, LLP			1051	130	2051		Surcharge - late filin	g fee or oath	100144
Deposit Account				1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late pro cover sheet		
Name The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)			1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specific	ation		
Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments			1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for	or ex parte reexamination	<u> </u>	
Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)			1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publicati Examiner action	on of SIR prior to		
Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.			1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publicat Examiner action	ion of SIR after		
FEE CALCULATION			1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply	within first month		
1. BASIC FILIN				1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply	within second month	
Large Entity Small	I Entity			1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply	within third month	
Fee Fee Fee Code (\$) Code	<u>Fee</u> <u>Fe</u> e (\$)	e Description	Fee Paid	1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply	within fourth month	
1001 770 2001		Utility filing fee	<del></del>	1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply	within fifth month	$\longrightarrow$
1002 340 2002	2 170 I	Design filing fee		1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal		
1003 530 2003	3 265	Plant filing fee		1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in supp	ort of an appeal	
1004 770 2004	4 385	Reissue filing fee		1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hea	aring	
1005 160 2005	5 80 1	Provisional filing fee		1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a	a public use proceeding	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0				1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - u	navoidable	
2 EXTRA CLA	IM FEES	FOR UTILITY AND	PEISSILE	1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - u	ınintentional	<b></b>
Z. EXTRA OLA		Fee fro	m	1501		2501		Utility issue fee (or	reissue)	
Total Claims	28 <sub>-20**</sub> :	xtra Claims below	Fee Paid	1502	480	2502		Design issue fee		
Independent 3 2** - 0 × 43				1503	640	2503		Plant issue fee		$\vdash$
Claims L Multiple Dependent			i 🚞	1460	130	1460		Petitions to the Cor		
Large Entity   Small Entity			1807	50	1807		Processing fee und	* "		
Fee Fee Fe	ee Fee	Fee Description		1806	180	1806			mation Disclosure Stmt	
	ode (\$)	Claims in excess of 20		8021	40	802	1 40	Recording each pate property (times num	ber of properties)	
	2202 9 2201 43	Independent claims in e	excess of 3	1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission (37 CFR 1.129(a))	after final rejection	
	2203 145	Multiple dependent clai		1810	770	2810	385	For each additional	invention to be	<u> </u>
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independen	t claims					examined (37 CFR	1.129(b))	<b></b>
l l		over original patent		1801	770	2801		•	ued Examination (RCE)	
1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent				1802	900	1802	900	<ul> <li>Request for exped of a design applicat</li> </ul>		
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 72					fee (sp					<u> </u>
**or number previously paid, if greater: For Reissues, see above				*Redu	ced by	Basic I	Filing F	ee Paid SUB	TOTAL (3) (\$)	0
SUBMITTED BY (Complete (if applicable))										
Name (Print/Type)		Faul (7) Dyl	kee		egistra httomev/			41,003 Tel	ephone <b>781</b> .401.99	88 ext. 21

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.